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TAKE NOTICE!

The Tribune will pay a reward of \$5.00 for information which will lead to the conviction of any person who steals or, without the owner's consent, mutilates a copy of the Tribune after its delivery to a regular subscriber.

LIKE THE DICKINSON CASE.

Only the Plaintiff is Not Quite as Prominent as Miss Anna.

Attorneys Boyle & Beale have been retained by William La Barre, of Price street, West Side, to prosecute a \$5,000 damage suit against various officials and citizens of Bradford county who it is alleged unlawfully incarcerated her father, L. A. Price, of Austinville, in the insane asylum.

The suit is directed against Sheriff Dr. N. M. Fell, Constable Beaman, Dr. Payne, James Vernon, Moses Watkins and Claude Carrott. It is alleged that on April 5, these parties without warrant or authority seized the defendant and caused him to be imprisoned as a lunatic in the insane asylum at the Bradford county poor farm, just outside of Troy. He was imprisoned there for nine days, when his daughter, Mrs. La Barre, secured his release by showing that he had been irregularly incarcerated.

It is claimed that Price was confined to the asylum without the pretense of legal proceedings or any official examination as to his mental condition. What prompted this imprisonment has as yet not developed, but it is known that it was brought about through his wife. The third by the way, with whom he has had trouble.

The papers in the case will be filed next week and an effort will be made to bring the trial to the courts of this county.

LOTS OF WARRANTS WASTED.

Central City Society Unusually Disturbed Thursday Night.

The residents of Raymond court invaded Alderman John T. Howe's office yesterday afternoon and had a tilt at him as a result of a fracas the night before. First, Mrs. Annie Smith caused the arrest of Stanley Daly, charging him with assault and battery. They afterward made up.

Maud Stewart issued a warrant for the arrest of Nellie Williams. He called her names and threatened things. She was held to court. The Stewart woman also had Thomas Mowry arrested following her with a knife and using vile language. He also was held for court.

Mabel West also prosecuted Nellie Williams for using improper language. She also was held for court. The several cases will likely be patched up before the grand jury meets.

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to send their linen to the Crystal Laundry. They have the latest, most improved machinery made. 241 and 245 Adams avenue.

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Let the Sun size. You can defy him to his face if armed with COMBINATION UNDERWEAR \$1.00.

Waters, the Hatter, 205 Lack Ave.

CONTESTANTS' SIDE WILL CLOSE TODAY

Republicans Have Virtually Won the Duomo Battle.

ABOUT THREE HUNDRED BAD VOTES

It is Thought to Be Beyond the Possibilities for the Democrats to Overcome the Lead—Three Sessions Held Yesterday—Evidence in Rebuttal Knocks Out a Number of Votes—Old Records of Carbonate Majority Court Brought Into Use.

At the beginning of the Duomo contest the attorneys for the respondents in an interview declared that from the then present indications the contestants would not distastefully over 150 votes; and they, the respondents felt sure of being able to knock out 100 Republican votes, all of which would cause the contest to go for naught. Figuring on good today as they were a month ago the respondents are, by their own admissions, routed foot and horse.

Today is the last the contestants have for taking testimony, and when the session closes, the Democratic vote cast in Duomo Feb. 17 last will have been cut down nearly thirty per cent., or in round numbers 300 votes. Unless the Republican vote turns out to be extremely meagre, a defeat is looked for, there is but little possibility of the Democratic officials being allowed to retain their apparently undesired offices.

Should the contestants by the decision of the local court be declared the winners they will forthwith take office, by virtue of an act passed by the present legislature. This goes one step farther than the Kelly bill, which seizes the candidates elected on the face of the returns, as it prevents a successful contestant being deprived of his seat during the long delay following the customary appeal to the Supreme court.

THREE SESSIONS HELD.

Three sessions of the contest were held yesterday morning, afternoon and evening. Just what was accomplished each day is made to appear as the testimony was indirect. For instance, Detective T. E. Reynolds, who had charge of the serving of the subpoenas, swore that twenty-three of the witnesses had left Duomo since the election, and could not be found. Tax Collector Boland was later called and from his records showed whether or not they had paid taxes to him. In the evening ex-Tax Collector Savage was called to give similar testimony. At a previous session, Patrick McAndrew swore that the record of his naturalization was in the docket in the mayor's court at Carbonate and that John Logan was his witness. The record of the mayor's court was produced and it was shown that the Patrick McAndrew who had John Logan for a witness came to this country under a name which does not harmonize with McAndrew's testimony concerning his coming to this country.

William Kays, of the First district of the Second ward, at a former hearing produced naturalization papers made out to John Kane, which he said belonged to him, explaining the difference in the last name by alleging that it was a clerical mistake. The records of the mayor's court of Carbonate were again brought into service and it was shown that the John Kane in question had been naturalized in 1861, while John Kays, who would have the commission believe he was the person meant by "John Kane" did not come to this country until after the war, according to his own previous testimony.

Tax Collector S. W. Finn, of the Sixteenth ward of Scranton, swore that John J. Gibbons had not paid taxes to him in 1893 or 1894 as he alleged when being examined.

JOHN MCCANN'S VOTE.

William Boland, proprietor of the Forest house in the First district of the First ward, and A. A. Kintzer, one of his employees, were called to prove that John McCann was not in the First district of the Second ward, had taken up his residence in the Forest house just before election. Neither one of them could remember the exact date, but they each believed it was around election time.

Frank Lahey came back conscience stricken to tell the commission that he had sworn falsely when he stated that he had paid taxes to L. H. Wint, collector of the Thirteenth ward of Scranton on June 18, 1896. After returning home, the day he was first examined, he learned that his brother to whom he had given the money with which to pay the taxes, had neglected to pay them and only gave it to the collector some four weeks ago.

William J. Glette swore that Patrick O'Boyle who voted in the First district of the First ward, had moved to another ward just before election.

Those disqualified from their own testimony were Thomas Fahey and John Brown, of the Second district of the Second ward, who had never been naturalized.

Frank Lahey and John Boland and Savage will be called to the stand for cross-examination, and it is likely also that the contestants will offer in evidence the defective affidavits by which a number of additional votes will be disqualified.

MAY TAKE AN APPEAL.

What City Solicitor Torrey Says About the Assessment Decision.

A strong sentiment is setting in about city hall in favor of taking an appeal from the decision of Judge Archibald in the matter of the new assessment. After the receipt of the letter from City Solicitor Torrey, printed in full in yesterday's Tribune, the board of revision and appeal decided to have a formal conference with the city solicitor, or as to the advisability of taking an appeal and for this purpose will hold a special meeting next Tuesday.

It is questionable as to whether or not the board of revision and appeal can order the case taken to the supreme court and if it could whether or not the city would be liable for the expense. Should the board conclude at its conference that an appeal is desirable and expedient an effort will be made to induce common council to take up Mr. Torrey's communication so summarily disposed of at Thursday's meeting and give favorable consideration.

City Solicitor Torrey is strongly in favor of taking the case to the supreme court.

"I do not want my zeal in the defense of the assessment interpreted as indicating that I am personally in favor of the nullified law. As city solicitor I

am in duty bound to fight for a city law to the last ditch and that is what I propose doing. But be that as it may I am of the opinion that an appeal should be taken. It is not good policy to allow the matter to remain up in the air."

Mr. Torrey is in receipt of communications from the solicitors of other cities, expressing surprise at Judge Archibald's finding and expressing strong belief that the supreme court will reverse the decision.

JURY TRIAL DECLARED OFF.

Francis Divorce Case Will Pass Through the Usual Channels.

Mrs. Clara Franz yesterday filed a petition with Prothonotary Pryor by permission of Judge Gunster withdrawing her request for a jury trial and her answer to the libel filed by her husband, ex-Councilman William Franz, in the divorce proceedings now pending between the parties. Mr. Franz charged his wife with cruel and barbarous treatment and unfaithfulness, she filed an answer denying each charge and demanded that the case be heard before a jury instead of the testimony being taken and passed upon by one of the judges as is usual in divorce cases.

The case was set down for trial in common pleas court on May 31 and some very spicy testimony was promised. Recently, through their attorneys, Mr. and Mrs. Franz had an understanding and as a result she withdraws her request for a jury trial and the divorce proceedings will now pass through the usual channel. The parties to the suit have been married about two years.

As a part of the recent agreement Mrs. Franz, it is said, will receive an annual allowance. She is represented by Attorneys Beale and Boyle and Attorney M. W. Lowry is counsel for Mr. Franz.

FIREMEN MAKE PROTEST.

Our Legislators Voted to Fight the Repeal of the Relief Bill—Resolutions That Were Passed.

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VENEZUELA AND ORINOCO RIVER

Interesting Lecture of Colonel, Nox McCain in Penn Avenue Church.

WAS A VERY ELOQUENT EFFORT

Colonel McCain's Description of the Natural Beauties of Venezuela Was Charming—Told Something of the History of the Country and Referred Briefly to the Boundary Line Dispute—Lecture Was Profusely Illustrated with Stereoscopic Views.

The lecture last evening by Colonel George Nox McCain, of Philadelphia, at the Penn Avenue Baptist church on the subject of "Venezuela and the Orinoco river," is one of the best ever delivered in this city.

Colonel McCain's newspaper experience has given him the command of an array of expressive words, and the tropic beauty of the Southern lands

the Mosaic Co-operative association to recover possession of a lot of land at the corner of Main and Montgomery streets, Mosaic, which they allege is their property, but is now unlawfully held by the defendant.

WEEK OF MELODRAMA.

Elroy Company Will Be Seen at the Frothingham.

The Elroy Stock company will close its successful season of thirty-two weeks at the Frothingham next week, where they will present a number of the modern melodramatic successes. On Monday night they will present "The White Squadron" of which the Wilmington, Del. Star says:

"The production would have done credit to many high-priced performances seen here. 'The White Squadron' is a strong, patriotic melodrama. The story deals with the trouble this country had with Brazil some years ago, and around those events the author has woven a strong dramatic setting. The play, which the company carries, are very fine, especially the third act, where the congress of navies takes place, and the Elroy company is certainly a strong organization."

SQUARE IS IN DANGER.

Ex-Sheriff Randolph Crippen Begins an Action in Ejectment Against the City of Scranton.

Ex-Sheriff Randolph Crippen, who now resides at Dalton, believes that he is the owner of a big slice of what is commonly known as Providence square at West Market street where Attorney H. M. Hannah has begun an action in ejectment to recover possession of it.

Years ago when Providence was Itazorville and the Bristol house was the leading tavern," between Wilkes and Carbondale that classic pile stood just where it does today at the corner of North Main avenue and West Market street. In those days the space directly in front was used by the travelers who frequented the "tavern" as a place to leave their horses and wagons standing while they refreshed and cheered the inner man. After a time this space between the tavern and the real curb line of the street became used as a street and today is used exclusively for that purpose.

Ten years ago Mr. Crippen purchased the property and the deed he received, like its predecessors, gave title almost to the middle of what is now known as West Market street where it intersects North Main avenue. This land is valuable and Mr. Crippen has decided to recover possession of it.

If he is successful the curb line of West Market street where it intersects North Main avenue will be extended forty-two feet into the street or almost to the big watering trough. From that point the line will extend westward to the end of the Bristol house property. Where the new curb line will make the street sixteen feet narrower than it is at present.

DIED.

LONEY—In Scranton, Pa., May 13, 1897, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Loney, of 106 North Seventh street, Edward F. Loney, aged 1 year and 6 months. Funeral services at the home Saturday morning at 10:30. Interment at Dalton.

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